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Beverly Hills is a small city of about five and three-fourths square miles, lying actually within the city of Los Angeles. The confidential informants and sources of information for Los Angeles, some of whom reside in Beverly Hills, are utilized.

Considerable gambling in private homes is undoubtedly carried on by the wealthy people of Beverly Hills. There is also a private club known as the Langdon Bridge Club, 119 South Beverly Drive, where gambling with cards is carried on. The membership list of this club includes such well-known names as Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BURNS, radio stars; MACK GORDON, song writer; LOE WOLFE, motion picture industry; GEORGE MESSEL, radio entertainer; ABE LASTFUGEL, head of the William Morris Agency and Chairman of the USO Card Shows; MIKE LYMAN, well-known restaurant proprietor; Mr. and Mrs. HARPO ALEX, comedian; GEORGE RAFT, screen star; Mr. and Mrs. AURICE REINGOLD, jeweler; PAUL STALL, motion picture producer; HERMAN SPITZEL; SOL WURTZEL, motion picture producer.

The Beverly Hills Athletic Club, 120 South Roxbury Drive, is also known to be the location of some gambling in Beverly Hills.

Since Beverly Hills is primarily a residential city, there is an absence of industrial activity with a resultant minimum of union activity.

Juvenile delinquency has not been a serious problem in Beverly Hills due, no doubt, in a large part to the calibre of the residents. In 1944, there were 250 juvenile arrests, of which 80 were Beverly Hills juveniles. Of the 80, 7 were filed on, the balance being released to their parents.

Considerable notoriety resulted recently from the arrest of NORMA JEAN GRAYBEAL, age 19, who resides at 9178 Alden Drive, Beverly Hills. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and considerable newspaper publicity was given her case with the implication that there was a considerable juvenile problem with narcotics in Beverly Hills. Both the Beverly Hills Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Department Narcotics Bureau have advised that the statements attributed to this girl were without foundation.

The Langdon Bridge Club and the Beverly Hills Athletic Club, previously mentioned in this section, are notorious places of amusement in Beverly Hills.

Weiss Hungarian Restaurant, 309 North Rodeo Drive; Romanoff's, 326 North Rodeo Drive; The Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 9514 Wilshire Boulevard; Jerry Rothchild's Haberdashery and Barber Shop, 222 North Beverly Drive, are notorious places frequented by eastern and local hoodlums. These establishments, of course, have a large legitimate patronage.

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